

JOHN WILLIAM WING, JR.

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John William Wing, Jr., is the son of John W. Wing, Sen., and Martha Goates Wing. He was born in Lehi, Utah, July 28, 1870. For fifteen years he assisted upon his father's farm in Heber, Utah. During his early life he developed an unusual ability in handling responsibilities and places of trust. Those who knew him never hesitated in leaving their greatest risks with him and in some cases sent for his assistance. From the time he was 15 to the present he has made his home in Lehi, Utah.

In the development of his community he has always taken a broad view. The needs of the people with him were always greater than self. This is illustrated during the eighteen years he conducted a livery and transfer business by bringing into the north end of Utah County a pure-bred Percheron stallion, one of the best of his type. The purchase and maintenance of the worthy enterprise were involved in considerable difficulty, but the greatest satisfaction came to Mr. Wing in the knowledge of bettering the conditions of his neighbors and friends. In the breeding of pure-bred horses, Wing is one of the pioneers.

Mr. Wing's strong personality, his great desire to please and serve the needs of those whom he meets gave to him unusual success for two years as a traveling salesman and later four years (his present occupation) as special representative of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company. His friends are numbered throughout Utah, Idaho, and Canada.

Mr. Wing is a strong adherent of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During his boyhood he was a member of the various Church organizations acting for two years in the capacity of president of the Y. M. M. I. Association.

He was set apart January 31, 1905, for a mission to England, returning January 29, 1907. During this period of two years he labored in the Liverpool Conference. For seven years he was a member of the presidency of the 68th quorum of seventies, and acted in this capacity until he was called to the position of counselor to Bishop James H. Gardner of the Second Ward of Lehi, June 22, 1913.

Mr. Wing married Rachel Evans September 7, 1898. To this marriage have been born one son and three daughters. Rachel Evans Wing is the daughter of Bishop David Evans and Margaret Christina Holm Evans. She was born in Lehi April 25, 1874. Seldom are people united in marriage when each perform so admirably the duties of their calling.